

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: May 18, 2005

Division: Community Services

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: Community Services

Staff Contact Person: Debbie Frederick

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of a Resolution urging the South Florida Workforce not to close any of the three One-Stop Career Centers or reduce funding in Monroe County due to the distance and hardship created to Monroe County's citizens who rely on them to find work.

ITEM BACKGROUND: The three Monroe County One-Stops have gone from a recent funding high of \$1.2 M to a projected budget of \$585 K for PY 2005/2006 in the last few years. While it is recognized that the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) State funding continues to be cut yearly, Monroe County should not be subjected to disproportionate One-Stop funding cuts and closures. Decisions have been made very recently by the Miami Workforce Region Staff to keep Miami-Dade One-Stops open that were slated for closure due to political pressure from local governments. Monroe County has only three seats on the South Florida Workforce Board in Region 23 out of 36 current members. This minority representation at times allows Miami-Dade Board members to dictate board policy in the favor of Miami-Dade County Workforce operations and to the detriment of Monroe County and its citizens. This resolution will tend to level the playing field and adjust the scorecard.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: N/A

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: N/A

COST TO COUNTY: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty X OMB/Purchasing N/A Risk Management N/A

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:


JIM MALLOCH, Division Director

DOCUMENTATION: Included X Not Required

DISPOSITION:

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RESOLUTION NO. - 2005

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, URGING THE SOUTH FLORIDA
WORKFORCE NOT TO CLOSE ANY OF THE
THREE ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS OR
REDUCE FUNDING IN MONROE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, since inception about five years ago, the South Florida Workforce's One Stop Career Centers in Key West, Marathon, and Key Largo have assisted almost 20,000 Monroe County Citizens obtain vocational training, labor market information, and assistance with unemployment claims, resumes, as well as many other employment related services, and

WHEREAS, the centers are now located fifty miles apart, in Key West, Marathon, and Key Largo; and

WHEREAS, the centers operated by the Florida Institute for Workforce Innovation have operated since 1985 and delivered quality services to our citizens while meeting all performance goals set by South Florida Workforce, and

WHEREAS, the closure of centers will create a hardship to those seeking services and places services at a distance of one hundred miles apart; and

WHEREAS, the centers are currently being considered for closure by the South Florida Workforce are due to budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, the current funding falls below the 6 percent liability indemnification of Monroe County, and

WHEREAS, due to its vital contribution to the citizens of Monroe County, the closure of any One-Stops or any funding reduction is strongly opposed by the County Commission of Monroe County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, that:

- 1 The County Commission urges the South Florida Workforce not to close any of the One-Stop Career Centers due to the undue distance impact on and hardship created to the citizens of Monroe County.
- 2 This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

3. The Clerk is directed to mail copies of this resolution to the Executive Director of South Florida Workforce, Representative Ken Sorensen, and the Miami-Dade County Workforce Attorney Peter Tell

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a regular meeting on said Board on the ____ day of _____, A.D., 2004

Mayor Dixie M. Spehar _____
Mayor Pro Tem Charles "Sonny" McCoy _____
Commissioner Murray Nelson _____
Commissioner George Neugent _____
Commissioner David Rice _____

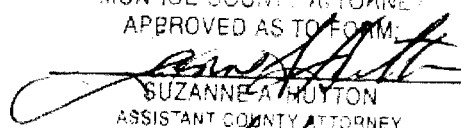
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: Danny L. Kolhage, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SUZANNE A. HUTTON
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date: 5/05/05